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1. AT PRESENT EXPORT TAXES ARE IMPOSED ONLY ON HIDES AND WOOL.
RATIONALE FOR TAXATION OF THESE TWO TRADITIONAL EXPORT PRODUCTS
IS TO ENCOURAGE THEIR FURTHER PROCESSING IN URUGUAY. THE
LEVIES ARE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

BTN #	PRODUCT	DATE	TAX RATE	ESTABLISHED
41.01	DRIED COW HIDES		N\$1.40 PER KG.	7/22/76
41.01	SALTED AND PICKLED COW HIDES			7/22/76
	-FROM YOUNG BULLS & HEALTHY COWS		N1.50 PER KG.	
	-FROM CALVES		N\$1.59 PER KG.	
	-FROM HEIFERS		N\$1.79 PER KG.	
	-FROM BULLS & HEALTHY OXEN		N\$1.05 PER KG	
	-FROM UNBORN CALVES & SUCKLINS		N\$34.81 PER HIDE, UP TO 10 KG.	
41.01	DRIED SHEEPSKINS		N0.78 PER 10 KG.	8/19/76
	DRIED SHEEPSKINS WITH DOWN			

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UP TO HALF THICKNESS OF WOOL N\$44.85 PER 10 KG.

53.01 WOOL 4/2/76
-GREASY US\$0.075 PER KG.
-SCOURED WOOL FLEECE US\$0//12 PER KG.
-TOPS US\$0.124 PER KG.
-LAMB'S WOOL & BELLY WOOL US\$0.082 PER KG.
-NOIL, BLOUSSE, WOOL WASTE US\$0.050 PER KG.

AS TOTAL TAXES ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE ACCOUNTED FOR ONLY 11
PERCENT OF GOU REVENUE IN 1975, EXPORT TAXES CLEARLY ARE NOT AN
IMPORTANT SOURCE OF GOVERNMENT REVENUE.

2. IN GENERAL, THERE ARE NO EXPORT QUOTAS, BUT TO AVOID EXHAUSTION
OF DOMESTIC SUPPLIES THE FOLLOWING EXPORTS REQUIRE PRIOR
AUTHORIZATION:

BTN #	PRODUCT
10.01-10.05, 10.07	GRAINS
04.05	EGGS
07.01	POTATOES
71.02	PRECIOUS & SEMI-PRECIOUS SOTNES, UNPOLISHED
01.06	WILD ANIMALS OF ANY SPECIES
41.05	SKINS OF OTTER, CARPINCHO, WILD CAT, OSTRICH & SEAL
05.14	GLANDS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS SUITABLE FOR MANUFAC- TURE OF MEDICINALS
30.02	ANTI-HOOF-AND-MOUTH DISEASE VACCINE
12.01	OIL SEED PRODUCTS

EXPORTS OF OIL SEED PRODUCTS (LINSEED, SUNFLOWER, PEANUT, SOY-
BEAN, AND COTTON) ARE LIMITED TO 70 PERCENT OF MONTHLY PRODUCTION.

3. EXPORTS OF THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS ARE PROHIBITED:

BTN#	PRODUCT
12.03	SEEDS FOR FORAGE CROPS
12.02	SUNFLOWER SEED PRODUCTS (EXPORTS AUTHORIZED WHEN DOMESTIC SUPPLIES ARE SUFFICIENT, HOWEVS)
41.07	PICKLED AND WET-BLUE COWHIDES (EXPORTS AUTHORIZED WHEN CONSIDERED CONVENIENT)
01.06	LIVE OTTER (NUTRIA)
73.01	IRON
74.01	COPPER

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79.01	ZINC
76.01	ALUMINUM
75.01	NICKEL
80.01.	TIN
78.01	LEAD
	ALLOYS OF ABOVE METALS

4. EXPORT LICENSES ARE REQUIRED FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES AND

AS A MEANS OF MONITORING FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS, LICENSES DO NOT OBSTRUCT EXPORTS IN ANY SIGNIFICANT WAY.

5. THE COMMERCIAL FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATE (NOW NEW PESOS 3.58 TO US\$1.00), AS DISTINCT FROM THE FINANCIAL EXCHANGE RATE, APPLIES TO ALL EXPORTS. THE FX RATE FLUCTUATES BUT IS NOW NEW PESOS 3.81 TO US\$1.00.

6. THERE ARE NO STATE EXPORT MONOPOLIES BUT THERE IS STATE INTERVENTION IN THE CASE OF MEAT EXPORTS. MAI PURPOSE OF THE NATIONAL MEAT INSTITUTE, COMPRISED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOU'S EXECUTIVE BRANCH, LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS AND MEAT-PACKING PLANTS, IS TO MAINTAIN STATISTICS AND ANALYSES OF MEAT PRODUCTION AND MARKETING, ALL OF WHICH IS USED FOR PROMOTION OF MEAT EXPORTS.

7. MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS MUST FULFILL EXPORT PLANS WHENEVER THESE PLANS ARE STIPULATED IN THE AUTHORIZATION DECLARING THE FIRM'S ACTIVITY TO BE IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST. THIS HAS NOT CAUSED ANY PROBLEMS MYIHDATE.

8. PRIVATE SECTOR COMPLAINTS ABOUT EXPORT CONTROLS ARE MAINLY IN REGARD TO THE LARGE AMOUNT OF PAPERWORK INVOLVED.
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